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TELEGRAPHIC NEWS.

FROM PORT ROYAL.

Sharp Firing heard off Charleston. NEW YORK, Feb. 15 - The steamer Arago, from Port Royal on the 11th inst., has arrived Among her passengers are General Foster and family.

On the evening of the 11th inst., when off harleston, she saw and heard very sharp firing.

From Europe. PORTLAND, MAINE, Feb. 15 .- The steamship North American, with five days later intelli-

the French Mexican debt.

gence from Europe, has arrived. The news of the continued Federal successes, coupled with the resterated peace rumors, exercised a material influence in the English market for American securities, causing a general advance. The Morning Post city article says the last advices from Mexico allude to the rumored

cession of Sonora to France as a guaranty for

A preliminary treaty to this effect was con-cluded in the latter part of November. The Mexican Government is, however, to protect the sovereignty of Sonora. The immediate occupation of Sonora by French troops is also rumored, some having, it is said, aldready left Acapulco for that desti-

The Case of the St. Albans Raiders. MONTREAL, Feb. 14 .- In the case of the St. Albans raiders to-day, witnesses for the defence deposed as to the genuineness of the prisoners' commissions. George N. Sanders certi fled that an agent claiming ambassadorial powers, civil as well as military, Mr. Clay, in-

formed him that he directed the raid and promised to assume the responsibility The witnesses knew nothing of the St. Albans or other raids until after they occurred. The court adjourned until to-morrow. Cameron, the messenger from Richmond, formerly Morgan's chaptain, arrived this afternoon with documents proving the belligerency of the raiders. He left Richmond on the 4th instant, and was delayed by ice in the Potomac. Two others in his company were drowned.

The Seven-Thirty Loan-Large Sales. PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 15 .- Up to three o'clock this afternoon the subscriptions to-day for the seven-thirty loan, received by Jay Cooke, amounted to \$4.595,000, The highest single subscription from the West was from Keckuh, Iowa, being \$75,000, and the largest Eastern was \$600,000 from New York. PHILADELPHIA. Feb. 15 .- The sales of the 7.30 loan to-day amounted to \$8,674,450.

New York Gold and Stock Markets. NEW YORK, Feb. 15 .- At Gallaher's Exchange, to night, gold was 265; New York Central, 114%; Erie, 76%; Hudson River, 107%; Reading, 113%; Illinois Central, 118% Stocks were steady. Gold was steady after the call

NEW HAVEN, CONN., Feb. 15 .- Governor Buckington and the other State officials were renominated to day by acclamation.

Connecticut Union State Convention.

INTERESTING STATEMENT OF A RICHMOND PRISONER. The following experience of an officer who was confined over a year in the different Southern prisons at Richmond, Salisbury, and Danville, will give our readers some idea of the treatment received at the hands of the chivalry-premising, however, that the enlisted men always receive worse fare and

quarters, and are more crowded than our officers, and have not the same facilities for fixing themselves comfortably. Our informant being sick was obliged to ride in an ambulance, and the rebels, contrary to the custom of civilized warfare, fired into it without ordering a halt. The officer of course surrendered, but the rebels have reversed the order of accepting prisoners. The men first grab the overcoat and hat; watch and pocket-book go next; and if the unfortunate victim is upset by this jostling, he will not regain his perpendicular position except minus his boots. One of our officers, brought in from the valley, had nothing left him but drawers and undershirt. The rebel officer who was appealed to said, that as our officer was going to prison he could better do without it than his men. On nearing a viliage, however, he was generously furnished with a cast-off rebel suit, out at the seat, knees and elbows, and lined plentifully with live stock. If the prisoner is taken some distance from a station, he is generally brought in by forced marches, and remains from 21 to 72 hours without food. The first two days prisoners seldom see rations, while the first thing the rebels ask for on being taken by us is, "Havn't you got something to eath" On arriving at the Libbey the prisoner is again searched, and everything that eluded the captors, if it can be turned into money-even Confederate

money-is seized for the benefit of Major Thos. P. Turner, the keeper. Money is rarely if ever While in Libby our informant was for a while confined as hostage with three others in a base. ment room or cellar 6 x x10, of which Colonel Jacques speaks, sink and water bucket in the same room. The rations then, consisted of scant Sounces corn bread-cob ground in the meal-barely 2 ounces rotten bacon, including the maggots, which were gently removed to lose none of the meat, and a scant half pint of black pea soup, with a good proportion of foreign ingredients; no fresh meat was given out

no vegetables; occasionally a little rice in lieu of pea sonp. When Kilpatrick made his raid about Rich mond 8,000 enlisted men and 1,000 officers were confined at Richmond. The men captured from that raiding party were confined with negro soldiers and their officers. Our negro soldiers about that time were hauled over parrels and given 50 lashes for the most trivial offense. Dick Turner, formerly porter of the Entaw House, Baltimore, is said to have been one of the shining lights in that business. He must not be confounded with Major Thos. P. Turner, of Virginia, the keeper of the prison, the meanest scoundrel and thief unhung in the South, according to the report of the prisoners. He hauled wagon loads of books and contributions to our confined soldiers to his house-in fact he ought to be the richest man in Rich. mond. When our prisoners were sent to Salisbury, July 19, 1861, the contents of the boxes they had received were mixed by the prisoners after the most promiscous sort in order that Turner should derive no benefit therefrom, as he would not allow them to take the things along. Salt and sugar, sour kraut and honey, tobacco and butter, vinegar and condensed

milk were essentially conglomerated. At Salisbury better treatment and rations were received. While there a plan for escape was drawn up, but the paper containing the plan and which was intended to be thrown over from the officers' quarters to those of the privates tell short and got in possession of the guards. This caused the removal of the officers to Danville, Va, where they were placed in an old tobacco factory, where, as the windows were all broken and most of the officers wishout blankets, with barely enough wood and coal for cooking purposes, many of them had to keep in moiton all night to avoid freezing. The soup here was so miserable that the officers would not receive it. Several times instead of meat, soup was sent in made of livers, lungs entrails, and parts of beeves never of-fered for sale, were fished out of the sozp and shown about the prison. On the 5th of November our informant was returned to Rich. mond, arriving there on the 7th. The rail-roads were rickety and unsafe, and the trains ran very slow. The rations were somewhat better than formerly, but still there was not enough of them for a sound man, and they were totally unit for a sick man. Bradley Johnson is in charge of Salisbury

prison-he being removed from command for allowing Averill to thrash him at Moorefield. General Echols siso came near sharing his fate for a like reason. Dolonel Smith is in charge of Danville prison. An old negro by name of General Jackson, who is formerly said to have made speeches at Fittsburg, and was captured by the rebels some three years since, is em-ployed as a kind of prison sweep at the Lib-

The 19th Virginia Reserves, on guard in Richmond, is composed entirely of foreigners—aliens—but are compelled to do guard duty, can transact no business and receive no pay or clothing for their services-mostly all have families living there. There is now no foreign consuls except a French Vice Consul in Richmond. A number of English. Italian and French residents are confined in Castle Thunder for refusing to do

guard duty.

A rebel Chaplain some time ago visited Lib.

bey and became acquainted with one of our

Chaplains, and before leaving expressed such an interest in his welfare as to induce him to accept a roll of money, which he might return to a certain address in W. Va., when able to do so. And when he was gone his fellow prisoners congratulated him on his good luck-and lo it proved to be-five Confederate dollar notes, or 8 cents of our money -not quite enough to buy an apple in Richmond—\$12 per dozen, Confederate money Tobacco, however, can be beught as cheap for rebel money as Greenbacks will buy in the North. The prisoners were highly elated on hearing of General Butler's removal-as they believed he stood in the way of their exchange. Colonel Mulford is held in the warmest estimation by

LOCAL NEWS.

the released officers and men.

THE ALLEGED ATTEMPT TO BRIBE SUR-GEON W. O. BALDWIN.—The case in which two Germans, William Rothschild and Charles Erbsch, stand charged with attempting to bribe W. O. Baldwin, Surgeon of the Board of Enrollment in this District, had a hearing betore Justice John H. Johnson, yesterday afternoon, at four o'clock.

Assistant District Attorney, Nathaniel P. Wilson, appeared in behalf of the prosecution, and Messrs. John E Norris and Richard Laskey for the accused. Mr. Wilson read from Brightly's Digest an act passed on the 26th February, 1853, which

specified that any person procuring or influencing, in any manner, any Government official to change his decision, in any official matter upon which he was about to vote, or upon which he was considering, was regarded as committing a crime, and was liable to the penalty of the law therefor. Mr Wilson said he was satisfied that the present case came within the provisions of the act. Section 22 of an act of Congress passed in

December, 1864, relating to the duties of boards of enrollment, Mr. Wilson admitted, did not hold the accused, as that section specified any drafted person who should bribe, or attempt to bribe, any member of a board of enrollment, should be deemed guilty, &c., when in the present case the parties had not been drafted. Dr. W. O. Baldwin was sworn for the pros-ecution, and testified that he had been appointed surgeon of the Board of Enrollment on the 26th of October last; that it was his duty to examine all drafted or enrolled persons presenting themselves before him as being physically disqualified from rendering military duty; and that his decisions in such cases were received by the board as final. Witness was called on last Thursday, at 10 or 11 o'clock a m., in his examining room, at the office of the Beard of Enrollment, by a German named Wm. Rothschild, who said he wished to see witness privately. Witness told him that he transacted all his business publicly. Rothschild then desired to see him at his residence, and stated that he wished to see him regarding a private matter. Witness told him to call in the evening, at his supper hour, and he would see him. Rothschild went to the house at the time agreed upon, when witness was about to sit down to tea, and asked witness if he wished to make some money. Witness asked how it was e made. Rothschild said he had a friend with him, named Erbach, whom he wished exempted, and that he would give witness \$150 to exempt him. Witness told Rothschild he would see him there again at six o'clock, after he had taken his tea. Witness then sent his little son, privately, to the office for a detective, and detective Coddingham went to the house. Rothschild was soon present, with Erbach, but seemed to mistrust a third party. Detective Coddingham told him he need not fear anything, when he stated that he wished witness to make out exemption papers, for Erbach, for which he would give him \$150, and said he would bring two more men on the next day, for whose exemption he would pay him the

same price. Cross-examined by Mr. Norris. - Did not know whether Erbach was enrolled or not; did not have anything to do with the enrolment list. Erbach was to call on the board and be examined, and he was to exempt him from the draft. Witness issued no certifi-

cates. George Coddingham sworn .- Received a slip of paper directing him to go to Surgeon Bald. win's residence precisely at 6 o'clock. He went there, and Rothschild and Erbach ar-rived soon after him. Rothschild wanted the Surgeon to sign a paper, but witness did not know what it was; he supposed it was an ex-emption paper. Rothschild gave the Surgeon \$150, which he immediately handed over to witness, and Rothschild retained \$50, which witness demanded, and then arrested the parties.fband-cuffed them, and took them away. Points of law were discussed by the counsel on both sides, after which Justice Johnson

bail, to answer any charge the grand jury may bring against them. THE MARKET HOUSE .- An estimate has been furnished by Secretary Usher to the Committee on the District of Columbia, relating to the Long Bridge, and also to the Center Market. It is desired that the old bridge shall be retained for the exclusive use of carriages, horsemen, pedestrians, &c., and that the iron rails now thereon shall be removed to the new railroad bridge running alongside of the old

held Kothschild in \$1,000 and Erbach in \$250

In respect to the Center Market-house, it will e remembered that the Mayor suspended building on the reservation upon suggestion of Secretary Usher, who was moved to such course by the action of the House Committee on District Affairs, and also by other action by the Senate and House of Representatives. This consisted in the former body of a resolution by Senator Ramsay, of Minnesota, and on the part of the House in the adoption of a resolution by Hon. James C. Allen, instructing the District Committee to inquire into the subject of the obstruction of streets and public reservations; and also a resolution of like reference, introduced by Governor Thomas, of Maryland, looking to an arrangement with the city authorities, whereby the market house

should be withdrawn from the principal street of the city. Gov Thomas's resolution, now before the District Committee of the House, contemplates a narrowing of the canal, and the formation by suitable bridges of a close connection between

the market reservation (to be a park) and the Smithsonian grounds. Secretary Usher, who has given much thought to District affairs, has recommended that the market house be built over the canal east of 7th street, and along said canal in its deflection south, in a line between 6th and 7th sts. The plan looks to a narrowing of the canal, dredging it thoroughly according to the require-ments of the law, (i. e., four feet below low water mark.) and raising the market house so that a dredge-boat may operate under it. At Newark, Bangor, and many other cities of the North, market houses are built over canals or streams. Secretary Usher proposes to give Government aid in behalf of the measure; and the locality commends itself to his judgment, because of its approximate position to the center of population; its ample space for market purposes, with suitable drainage; its close contiguity to the present site, thereby not materially affecting business interests that have grown up around it; and its situation at the crossing of the city railways, running from the four cardinal points of the city. The following are the views expressed by

Secretary Usher upon this subject in his last "The substantial and rapid progress of the city for the last turee years, its increasing energetic population, and the certainty of its future prosperity, evince the importance of immediate action, having for its object the improvement of its sewerage, the cleansing of the capal-so as to correct, as far as possible, its present unwholesome and offensive condition and the adornment of the streets and public grounds, thereby making the metropolis of the nation healthy and attractive. To that end, in nation healthy and attractive. To that end, in addition to the suggestions contained in my last annual report, it is recommended that Congress provide by law for the removal of the Centre Markethouse from its present site, and the extension of the Smithsonian grounds to Pennsylvania avenue. It is also advised that the public reservations bordering on the canal and adjoining the Smithsonian grounds be added thereto. The enlarged area which the proposed change would give to these grounds, their adornment by the planting of trees and shrubbery, and the erection of fountains, would add greatly to the comfort, health, and pleasure of a populous portion of the city, and be most agreeable and attractive to transient visitors The space occupied by the canal from Seventh street to Sixth street and the contiguous reservation would afford ample room for the market house. The expense of making this space available is not worthy of consideration, in view of the substantial benefits to be

SENT TO COURT.-Eliza Johnson was arrested yesterday by officer Simonds upon a charge of keeping a bawdy house at the corner of 13th

obtained by extending the Smithsonian grounds

to the avenue."

and C streets. She was taken before Justice Boswell, when it appeared in the evidence that Eliza and one of her girls had a difficulty about a trunk that she bought from another of the girls, and the result was the girl gave the information that Eliza kept a bawdy house. The house is the property of Madam Wolf, and Eliza is the tenant. Eliza was held to bail for court in \$300, Madam Wolf becoming her

U. S. COURT OF CLAIMS, February 15. -On motion of Mr. Weed, the Assistant Solicitor, John Baker, Esq., of New York city, was admitted an attorney and counsellor of the court. Eugene Lavallette vs. the United States. This cause was argued and submitted on demurrer by Mr. Bingham, the Solicitor for the United States, the claimant not appearing either personally or by counsel. Adjourned.

U. S. SUPREME COURT, February 15 .- No. 66, Robert T Harvey et al., plaintiffs in error, vs. Edward Griswold Taylor et al. The argument of this cause was continued by Mr. B. H. Smith for the defendants in error. Adjourned.

FROM THE SOUTH. Federals Reported in Stafford-Movement on the Mississippi.

The Richmend papers of the 13th instant have been received. The Whig contains the

following: "Passengers by the Fredericksburg train of yesterday afternoon stated that it was reported in Fredericksburg that a Yankee cavalry force, variously estimated, accompanied by a large wagen train, had reached the upper part

rection of that town. "We give the rumor for what it is worth, but can see no reason why so heavy a force would, at this season of the year, attempt & raid or march through a country as bare of provisions and forage as the Yankees is of

Frem Mississippi. Miss., January 27, states that the reports from the river concur as to the passage of large numbers of troops down the river to New Or-40,000 cavalry. Preparations on a large scale are also said to be going on at Baton Rouge, and another raid is expected soon. Mobile is generally supposed to be the object of these preparations.

From the Southwest. Shadburn's scouts tapped the Yankee telegraph Yankees soon discovered the disconnection, and eleven of the negroes and capturing twentyfour horses, the ambulance and materials, with

"The Petersburg Express learns that General Grant has thoroughly fortified his army in the rear, and that he is now nearly as strong in that quarter as he is in front. This is done in order to prevent a raid similar to Col. Hampton's celebrated cattle expedition. "Every road is strongly barricaded, and

miles towards Monk's Neck Bridge, in connection with their late movement to Hatcher's Run. "A rumor reached the city yesterday afternoon that barges with reinforcements for Gen.

[From the Richmond Examiner, Monday, February 13] On the water of the Edisto, and the lines of the South Carolina Railroad, important events are in progression. Sherman, who is making his continuous advance for the ravage and utter desolation of South Carolina, is likely to find a lion in the path. That brave State will not fall an easy prey. Beauregard is in his front with the greater part of that ubiquitous Army of the Tennessee, which was the other

Anticipated Attack on our Centre-The Petersburg. centre and endeavor to pierce it. In the present campaign this seems to be the only plan

der. The Army of the Potomac can no longer be flanked, and if it is to be dislodged it can only be by cutting it in two. Accordingly, Lee is reported to be massing all available troops around Petersburg, with the view of making an attack. The scream of the locomotive whistles on the Southside road can be distinctly heard in our camps, and they have made the night unusually hideous of late. There is evidently something astir. It is accepted here as a certainty that the enemy

of operations remaining to the rebel comman-

cinity of Meade's Station, where the late feigned assault was made. Such an enterprise may seem rather bold for the rebel army, but Lee is in a critical position, and must make some desperate push before

FINANCIAL .- From yesterday's N. Y. Even-

ing Post: Wall street is perturbed to-day by conflicting rumors from Snerman and Schofield. The consequence has been a depression of quotations and a general indisposition on the part of the public to operate either in stocks or in gold.

lowest 205%, and at the close 205% was bid. Exchange is dull at 108% for specie. The loan market is over supplied, and the rates of interest favor the borrower. Six per cent is the ordinary rate, with a few transactions at seven. Commercial paper is scarce

and has free currency at 7 kall

road bonds flat, and bank shares neglected. Railroad shares are irregular, those of the western roads being chiefly in favor. The Commercial says: The stock market shows a slight reaction from the improved spirit of yesterday. With some slight exceptions, the whole list is dull, and prices show a falling tendency. The cheapness of money has no effect upon the market. The brokers find it impossible to enlist the outside public in speculation, and, as a rule, they do not relish speculation wholly among themselves, which is simply a process of preying on each other. The probability is, that no important movements in stocks will be attempted until the course of military operations so change the aspect of national affairs as to produce a ma-

sued to white troops contain sufficient nutriment for negroes, and obtain medical testimony as to what change, if any, shall be re-

Nearly seventeen hundred suits are pending against New York, for damages sus-

The 795 national banks now authorized have an aggregate capital of \$181,792,736. Their circulation amounts to \$90,563,766, of which the issue during the week ending February 11 was no less than \$3,265,400. The construction of the Government ar-

the world. Five young kings in Europe are anxious-ly looking for wives.

per day. One of the most frequent causes of death is nostalgia, or home sickness.

of Siafford county, and was moving in the di-

principle. "A letter in the Mobile Register, dated Osyka, leans. One report estimates the number at

"We have to note no change in the military situation on the Southside since our last issue. "From the Petersburg Express of Saturday we learn that recently a detachment of Capt. wire about one mile from Cabin Point. The sent out an operator and an ambulance containing material for repairs, guarded by an escort of thirty-five negro cavalry, to discover and re-establish the break. When the party came in sight our scouts charged them, killing operator and driver, and put the balance of the negroes to flight.

heavy lines of works extend in every direction. The Yankees have recently extended their picket lines from near Reams' Station two

Grant had entered the James river." The Rebel Postal System. The Richmond papers say that "the Confederate postal system is a great institution, worthy of the days of Noah."

A Lion in Sherman's Way. day before Nashville. The hardest fought,

longest marched, most capriciously handled army of modern times Sherman is only now beginning to enter upon the difficult part of his enterprise, and his invincible army is about to be tested. We know it can march incredible distances and steal much, but now it will have to fight a

ARMY OF THE POTOMAC.

Rebels reported to be Massing around CITY POINT, VA., Feb. 12 .- From the reports of deserters, and from other sources of information it would seem that General Lee is contemplating an attack on our centre, and is making, or has made the necessary disposi-tions for such a movement. It wrote you vesterday that if the enemy ventured any offen-sive movement at all, it would be most likely directed against the centre of our lines. The temptation to make the effort is very great, for, with our lines at present so extended, the centre would naturally seem to be the weakest point, and if the enemy could gain any advantage here he might claim a decisive victory. We know from experience that it is a faverite species of tactics with Lee to mass upon our

will speedily attack us, and, likely enough, the point of attack may be somewhere in the vi-

long, unless he designs to evacuate Petersburg. Whatever his designs, he will discover that they have been asticipated and prepared for.

Gold is dull, and from the prevailing suspense, very little business has been done. The pening and highest price was 206%; the

The stock market opened dull and irregular, but at the close there was a better feeling .--Governments are firm, state stock quiet. rail-

terial fluctuation in prices. Gen. Ord has convened a board of colored officers to consider whether the rations is-

tained at the hands of the mob, in the great riots of July, two years age. Another verdict has been lendered in favor of a party who lost some property, in that way, at Allerton's Ho-

senal on Rock Island will be commenced im-mediately It will cost \$1,50,000, and will be one of the largest structures of the kind in

The At Camp Douglas, Chicago, fourteen hundred rebel prisoners are en the sick list, with an average number of interments of six

In Later accounts from Savannah con radict the report that no personal injuries resulted from the recent fires in that city. Twenty lives are now said to be lost, and one hundred buildings were burned.